Pradesh has been received in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action that has been contemplated on such request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Production and consumption of cotton during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 cotton seasons (October-September) are as under:

(In lakh bales of 170 kg. each)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02 (CAB estimates)
Production	156.00	140.00	154.50
Import	22.01	22.00	20.00
Consumption	173.36	173.03	176.00

Source: Cotton Advisory Board (CAB)

(b) to (e) Requests were received to increase duty on import of cotton. After taking into account the interests of the all concerned and the prevailing difference between the domestic and international prices, government hiked the customs duty on import of cotton from 5% to 10% with effect from 09.01.2002

Closure of Textile Mills in Handloom and Powerloom Sector in T.N.

1901. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any textile mills, in handloom and powerloom sectors have been closed down during the last five years in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken to reopen such mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) There are no handloom units in the organized mill sector. Due to complex, diverse and widely dispersed nature of decentralised powerloom and handloom units, no precise detail about the number of closed powerloom units is maintained.

The details of cotton/man-made textile mills (Non-SSI) closed during the last 5 years in the State of Tamil Nadu, is as follows:

SI. No.	Name of the mill	Date of closure	Workers on roll
1	2	3	4
1	The Rajalakshmi Mills Limited	12-2-97	779
2	Sri Astalakshmi Spg. Mills, P	01-5-97	10
3	Shri Mahavishnu Textiles Pvt.	16-6-97	29
4	Thiruvarul Textiles	01-7-97	20
5	Binny Limited	07-7-97	3924
6	Sree Alagulakshmi Mills P. Ltd.	20-7-97	218
7	Nangallar Textiles P. Ltd.	14-8-97	5
8.	Ganga Textiles Ltd.	20-10-97	70
9.	The Rajalakshmi Mills Limited	20-10-97	512
10.	Anar Textiles	23-10-97	44
11.	Kalyana Chakravarthi Tex. P. Ltd.	21-11-97	321
12.	Sri Vigneswara Textiles	01-12-97	5
13.	Vijayshree Spg. Mills Ltd.	11-12-97	80
14.	Senthil Kumar Industries	25-12-97	5

1	2	3	4
15.	Sri Ambal Mills Limited	13-1-98	357
16.	Nagappan Spinning Mills	01-2-98	16
17.	Asccard Spinners (P) Ltd.	01-2-98	170
18.	Shri Basaveswar Textile Mills	12-3-98	24
19.	N.R.S. Textiles Mills Limited	26-3-98	30
20.	K.V.S. Spinners (P) Limited	01-5-98	10
21.	Super Kwality Spinners'	01-5-98	10
22.	Amaravathi Dyings P. Ltd.	09-5-98	83
23.	S. Sannkaralingam Chettiar Wast	18-5-98	14
24.	Madhu Spinning & Weaving Mills	01-6-98	237
25.	Murugan Spinners	01-7-98	5
26.	P.A. Textiles (Salem) (P) Limited	01-7-98	120
27.	Sri Amman Spinning Mills (P) Ltd.	01-7-98	60
28.	Sarojini Cotton Mills	13-8-98	5
29.	Usha Cotton Mills	23-8-98	5
30.	Vasantha Mills Ltd.	01-9-98	1327
31.	Shree Janardana Mills Limited	04-10-98	400
32.	Shiridi Sai Spinners (Lessee)	01-1-99	27
33.	Nellai Cotton Mills Limited	01-1-99	244
34.	The Madurai District Co-operative Spg. Mills	04-1-99	749
35.	Sri Ramvilas Spg. and Wvg. Mills	01-2-99	87
36.	The Misereor Co-operative Spg.	05-3-99	245
37.	Sree Alagammai Textile Mills P	09-5-99	99
38.	Sree Saraswathi Mills Limited	10-5-99	434
39.	Karur Mills Limited	24-6-99	641
40.	Muruganathan Mills Limited	01-7-99	79

1	2	3	4
41.	Sri Nadiambal Textile Mills Ltd.	05-8-99	350
42.	NEO Intex Mills Limited Unit-I	30-8-99	113
43.	UMW Industries Limited	01-9-99	15
44.	Anoor Chendikadevi Tex. Pvt.	30-9-99	22
45.	Coimbatore Popular Spinning	20-10-99	169
46.	Thanjavur Textiles Limited	14-12-99	44
47.	Sri Natesar Spg. & Wvg. Mills	17-1-00	393
48.	S.G. & Brother Spinning Mills	01-2-00	396
49.	Kumaraguruparar Textiles	22-5-00	80
50.	DPF Textiles Ltd.	26-6-00	476
51.	Veeraraghava Textiles (P) Ltd.	04-9-00	319
52.	Ganga Textiles O.E. Unit	01-1-01	60
53.	Tirupur Cotton Spg. & Wvg. Mills	28-2-01	322
54.	Male India (P) Limited	15-3-01	65
55.	Erode Spinning (P) Ltd.	22-3-01	62
56.	Raveendra Mills Limited	29-3-01	184
57.	Gowri Sankar Spinning Mills	14-5-01	86
58.	NEO Intex Mills Limited	01-10-01	123
59.	Annamalaiar Textiles (P) Ltd.	11-10-01	243
60.	Thirumurugan Textiles (P) Ltd.	01-11-01	90
61.	Sri Iyyan Textiles Mills P. Ltd.	01-11-01	115

Closure of textile mills and powerlooms can be attributed to many factors including obsolete technology, increase in cost of inputs, difficulties in getting timely and adequate credit, mismanagement, labours, strike, recessionary conditions etc.

The Government of India has enacted the Sick Industrial

Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and established the BIFR with a view to timely detection of sick & potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. The rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

NIFT branch in Andhra Pradesh

1902. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any branch of the National Institute for Fashion Technology is functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether government propose to set up a branch of the Institute in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). and (c) A branch of the National Institute of Fashion Technology is functioning at Hyderabad since June, 1995.